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USSR HOLDS ELECTIONS TO PEOPLE'S COURTS

VOTING PROCEDURE EXPLAINED -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 10, 15 Jan 49

The people's judges and people's jurors will be elected by the citizens of a rayon according to electoral districts, each of which is served by one court. For the convenience of the population, several voting centers are being set up in each electoral district and it is in these centers that the voting and counting of votes will be conducted. The elections in Chita Oblast will be on Sunday, 16 January, and the voting centers will be open from 0600 to 2400 local time. Transport facilities will be provided for those who are too ill to reach the center by themselves, or, if the voter wishes, a representative of the vote-counting commission will come to his home with a special ballot box and ballots.

When the voter goes to the voting center he must have with him his identification papers (passport, kolkhoz book, trade union card). The representative of the executive committee of the rayon or city soviet of workers' deputies, or a member of the vote-counting commission, are responsible for conduct of the voting, for checking the voter's identification with information recorded on the list of voters, making the proper record on the list against the voter's name, and then giving two ballots to the voter.

The ballot for people's judge will have the name of the candidate who has been nominated by general meetings of workers in the electoral district and is registered with the rayon executive committee. The ballot for people's jurors will have the names of from 55 to 75 candidates for each electoral okrug. The ballots will be written in the language used by the population of a given region, as well as in Russian. The voter then enters an isolated room or individual booth. There must be no other person but the voter in these areas. If the voter is unable to read the ballot, he may ask another voter to enter into the voting booth with him. After having read the candidates' names, if he agrees to the candidates and wishes to vote for them, he will leave the booth and drop the ballots in one of the ballot boxes, each of which will have been inspected, before the polls opened, by a representative of the executive committee in the presence of members of the vote-counting commission. If the voter does not agree to any of the candidates, he will cross out the candidate's name on the ballot.

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RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET ISSUES ORDERS FOR ELECTIONS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 11, 14 Jan 49

A session of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet RSFSR was held on 11 January with I. Z. Vlasov as chairman. The Presidium discussed the preparations for elections to the people's courts in Arkhangel'sk and Chkalov Oblasts and Chuvash ASSR. P. V. Minin, chairman of the Arkhangel'sk Oblast Executive Committee; I. P. Safronov, chairman of the Chkalov Oblast Executive Committee; and Z. A. Andreyeva, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Chuvash ASSR, were called upon to give reports.

Lists of electoral districts in the three regions have been drawn up and published within the fixed time limit, voting centers have been set up, and representatives of the executive committee and the vote-counting commissions have been appointed. In Chkalov Oblast and Chuvash ASSR, lists of voters have been drawn up and disseminated for public review, registration of candidates has been completed, and ballots prepared. Lists of voters are being completed in Arkhangel'sk Oblast.

The Presidium ordered the executive committee of the Chkalov Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Chuvash ASSR to carry out the following:

Finish examination of the list of voters and make sure that every citizen having the right to vote is included in the lists;

Examine the preparations of all voting centers;

Provide instruction for the representatives of rayon and city executive committees and members of the vote-counting commissions in the organizational problems of the elections, such as conduct of the voting center on election day, counting of votes, etc.

The Arkhangel'sk Oblast Executive Committee has until 20 January to instruct the chairmen of rayon and city executive committees on conduct of the elections and is ordered to pay particular attention to close examination of the list of voters, equipping the voting centers, correct printing of ballots, and preservation of the voting papers.

The Presidium reminded the executive committee of the Arkhangel'sk and Chkalov Oblast Soviets and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Chuvash ASSR of the necessity of increasing control over the preparations for the court elections. Executive committees of kray and oblast soviets and presidiums of ASSR Supreme Soviets are advised to give practical, daily aid to the executive committees of rayon and city soviets in preparing and conducting the elections and in creating conditions necessary to the effective operation of the newly elected people's courts.

KAMCHATKA PREPARES FOR COURT ELECTIONS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 10, 13 Jan 49

Kirichenko, deputy chairman of the Executive Committee of the Petropavlovsk City Soviet of Workers' Deputies, reports that the Petropavlovsk City Committee VKP(b), the executive committee of the city soviet, and primary party organizations of the city and rayon are making the final preparations for the elections to the peoples' courts on 16 January. The press of the newspaper Kamchatskaya Izvestia has completed printing the ballots.

All types of transport, including airplanes, pack horses, dog sleds, are being utilized to carry election equipment to the distant populated points. Automobiles equipped with special ballot boxes will be sent to homes of citizens who are not able to reach the voting center.

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Representatives of the city executive committee together with agitators, who number more than 1,300 persons in the city and rayon, are now completing the checking of registration lists. The list of voters in the village of Avacha has been completely checked and revised. The lists have also been checked in the auxiliary enterprises of "Glavkamchatrybprom" (Main Administration of the Kamchatka Fish Industry), in the villages of Paratunka, Nikolayevka, Koryaki, Nachiki, Malkin, in the Nachiki Sovkhoz, and in the "Dal'naya" Base of the Petropavlovsk Sovkhoz.

ARMENIANS HOLD ELECTIONS -- Kommunist, No 31, 8 Feb 49

Elections to the people's courts took place on 6 February in Armenian SSR and that day was observed as an all-people's holiday. Party, soviet, Komsomol, and trade union organizations carried on intensive work in preparation for the elections for 2 months prior to the occasion. Thousands of agitators and propagandists explained to the workers the principles of the Stalin constitution, the basic structure and work of the Soviet court.

YEREVAN PREPARES FOR ELECTIONS -- Kommunist, No 28, 4 Feb 49

Center No 2 of the electoral district in Stalinskiy Rayon, Yerevan, is located in the Administration Building of the Yerevan Section of the Transcaucasus Railroad System. A. Kazaran is chairman of the Executive Committee of Stalinskiy Rayon Soviet of Worker's Deputies. Everything is ready for election day and measures have been taken to assure ballot secrecy. Five booths have been set up.

Agitators have informed all the voters about election day and the voting center. The majority of the voters have already been to the voting center where they participated in a meeting with Garegin Ovakimovich Movsesyan, their candidate for people's judge.

A meeting of the counting commission has been held. Each member understands his duties and knows the registration numbers of voters for whom he will be responsible. Members of the commission will take their places by ballot boxes, booths and at the entrance and exit to the room.

KHABAROVSE KRAY RETURNS REPORTED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 20, 26 Jan 49

The Executive Committee of the Khabarovsk Kray Soviet of Worker's Deputies has reported the results of the 16 January elections to the people's courts in the Kray. A total of 99.86 percent of the voters on registration lists took part in the elections, according to figures received from all executive committees of oblast, city and rayon soviets of worker's deputies. In all 80 electoral districts, 98.87 percent of the votes were cast for the candidates for people's judges and 99.83 percent were cast for the candidates for people's jurors. Only 1.13 percent of the total number of votes were cast against the candidates for judges and 0.17 percent against the candidates for people's jurors.

On the basis of Article 50 of "Conditions of the Elections to the Peoples' Courts of the RSFSR," 15 ballots for people's judges and 41 ballots for people's jurors were declared invalid. In the 80 electoral districts of Khabarovsk Kray, 80 people's judges and 4,996 people's jurors were elected.

PRIMORSKIY KRAY ELECTION RETURNS -- Krasnoye Znanyia, No 9, 12 Jan 49

According to reports from executive committees of rayon and city soviets of worker's deputies in Primorskiy Kray, 99.87 of the voting popu-

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lation took part in the recent elections to the people's courts on 9 January. The number of votes given to the candidates to the people's courts was 98.84 percent of the total votes cast and the number of votes for the candidates to the people's juries was 99.87 of the total vote. The number of votes cast against the candidates to the people's courts was 1.16 percent of the total and the number against the candidates to the people's juries was 0.13 percent.

A total of 46 people's judges were elected and 3,179 people's jurors, all of them candidates in the bloc of party and nonparty candidates. Among the elected judges and jurors, 34.22 percent are women, 50.58 percent are members and candidates for membership in the VKP(b), and 49.42 percent are nonparty.

MOLDAVIAN SSR HOLDS ELECTIONS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 22, 2 Feb 49

Elections to people's courts were held 30 January 1949 in all 80 electoral districts of the Moldavian SSR with the following results: 99.87 percent of all voters in the Republic, and 99.72 percent in the city of Kishinev participated. A total of 99.66 percent of all votes were cast for the candidates for people's judges, and 99.96 of votes for the candidates for people's jurors. Therefore, all registered candidates of the bloc of Communists and nonparty members were elected.

UDMURT ASSR ELECTION RESULTS -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 3, 5 Jan 49

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of Udmurt ASSR report that 99.5 percent of all registered voters took part in the recent elections to the people's courts, 99.87 percent of the total votes were given to the candidates for people's judges and 99.93 percent of the candidates for people's jurors.

LENINGRAD CITY AND OBLAST -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 32, 9 Feb 49

Elections to people's courts took place in the Leningrad City and Oblast on 6 February 1949 with the following results: 99.90 percent of all voters in the city took part in elections and 99.96 percent of all voters in the Oblast. The number of votes for candidates for people's judges was 99 percent and votes for candidates for people's juries 99.83 percent of the total number of active voters in the city. In the oblast the proportion was 99.24 percent and 99.92 percent, respectively.

In the city, 118 people's judges and 8,845 people's jurors were elected; in the oblast, 74 people's judges and 5,223 people's jurors. Among the elected people's judges and people's jurors in the city there are 4,721 men, 4,242 women, 4,662 members and candidates of the Communist Party, and 4,301 nonparty members; in the oblast, those elected include 3,047 men, 2,250 women, 2,495 members and candidates of the Communist Party, and 2,802 nonparty members.

All elected people's judges and people's jurors are candidates of the bloc of Communists and nonparty members.

DNEPROPETROVSK, KURGAN, AMUR OBLASTS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 23, 4 Feb 49

Results of elections to people's courts in Dnepropetrovsk, Kurgan, and Amur Oblasts showed that 99.9 percent of all the voters participated in Dnepropetrovsk Oblast, 99.98 percent in Amur Oblast, and 99.8 percent in Kurgan Oblast.

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ODESSA, PENZA, TAMBOV OBLASTS, SEVERO-OSETIYA SSR-- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 28,
4 Feb 49

Final results of the elections to people's courts, which were held on Sunday, 30 January, have been made available. In Severo-Osetiya ASSR, 99.99 percent of the voters participated in the elections; in Odessa Oblast, 99.9 percent; in Penza Oblast, 99.94 percent; and in Tambov Oblast 99.77 percent.

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